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 (Currently amended) A method for securely providing event-relevant information about an alarm event occurring in a machine from an industrial controller controlling the machine to a specified remote receiver via a network using an Internet-related protocol, comprising the steps of:

assigning a specific receiver to each specific alarm event;

writing the event-relevant information provided by the controller to a database, said event-relevant information including sensitive event-relevant information;

transmitting to the specified receiver <u>in response to the alarm event</u> a receiver-specific message indicating that a specified <u>the</u> alarm event has occurred and not containing <u>said</u> sensitive event-relevant information; and

accessing the event-relevant information written to the database for the specified receiver via a Web server using a cryptographically protected communication protocol based on an Internet browser in response to the receiver-specific message.

- (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the cryptographically protected communication protocol based on the Internet browser comprises a "Hypertext Transfer Protocol Security" protocol.
- (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the "Hypertext Transfer Protocol Security" protocol comprises a "Secure Socket Layer" protocol or a "Transport Layer Security" protocol.
- (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the receiver-specific message is transmitted to the specified receiver as an e-mail message, an SMS message or a voice message.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the e-mail message includes a cross-reference, in particular a URL address, that provides a link to the event-relevant information that is stored in the database for the specified receiver.

- 6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the event-relevant information written to the database for the specified receiver includes file attachments which are stored in the database for the specified receiver.
- (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein access to the Web server is protected by a login prompt and a password.
- 8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the Web server is integrated with hardware of the controller.
- (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the database and the Web server are implemented as hardware that is separate from hardware of the controller.
- 10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting at least one of data, parameters and programs from the specified receiver to the controller.
- 11. (Currently amended) A method for securely providing event-relevant information about an alarm event occurring in a machine from an industrial controller controlling the machine to a specified remote receiver via a network using an Internet-related protocol, comprising the steps of:

assigning a specific receiver to each specific alarm event;

writing the event-relevant information provided by the controller to a database, said event-relevant information including sensitive event-relevant

information;

transmitting to the specified receiver in response to the alarm event a receiver-specific message indicating that a specified alarm event has occurred and not containing <u>said</u> sensitive event-relevant information; and

accessing the event-relevant information written to the database specifically for the specified receiver via a modem using a modem connection protected by an authentication protocol, in response to the receiver-specific message.

- 12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the event-relevant information written to the data base includes at least one of event messages, fault messages, information about machine status and process information, or a combination thereof.
- 13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of performing at least one of failure analysis and fault repair of the machine using event-relevant information accessed using the same cryptographically protected communication protocol.
- 14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein only a receiver-specific message indicating that a specified alarm event has occurred is transmitted to the specified receiver.
- 15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11 [1], wherein the event-relevant information written to the data base includes at least one of event messages, fault messages, information about machine status and process information, or a combination thereof.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of: performing at least one of failure analysis and fault repair of the machine using event-relevant information accessed using the same authentication protected communication protocol.

- 17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein only a receiver-specific message indicating that a specified alarm event has occurred is transmitted to the specified receiver.
- 18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of transmitting at least one of data, parameters and programs from the specified receiver to the controller.
- 19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the event-relevant information that is written to the database includes at least one of event messages, fault messages, information about machine status and process information, or a combination thereof.
- 20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 [11], wherein only a receiver-specific message indicating that a specified alarm event has occurred is transmitted to the specified receiver.